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In re Applicant: Haviv Toledano
Serial No: 10/009,138
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For: A flexible Annular Stapler for
Closed Surgery of Hollow Organs
Examiner: Dawson, Glenn K

Group Art Unit: 3731

Commissioner of Patents and Trademark
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office action mailed 13 March 2006, which response is being made on or before 13 June 2006 and for which no extension fees are due.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel all the claims presently on file and substitute new set of claims 001-015 enclosed herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 001 to 015 are pending in the application after the present amendment. Applicant strongly believes that these claims are patentable over the cited documents.

The claims before the Examiner are directed toward surgical methods for joining together two parts of different hollow organs or segments of same hollow organ through a stapled anastomosis, by the means of a flexible annular stapler to present applicant.

All varieties of joints (i.e. either end to end, end to side, side to end or side to side anastomoses) are concerned.

Also, these methods are subject to realization under open and/or more particularly closed surgery conditions. (i.e. non invasive laparoscopic and/or thoracoscopic conditions).

Page 29 (lines 1-23) and page 30 (lines 1-18) in present specification give the common basis to the surgical methods or procedures described in the present claims. The Examiner is therefore, respectfully requested to devote particular attention to those pages.